

The CASE of the Tenants of the Forfeited Estates.

After the Reduction of *Ireland*, the Kingdom being depopulated, and Stock not to be had, but at excessive dear Rates, the Methods taken of Setting from Year to Year was found impracticable.

This made the Setting for Term of Years necessary, and the expectation of future Advantage, and Settlement, induced very many, nay most Tenants, to contract for greater Rents than at the time of Taking they could make of the Lands so Taken.

The Tenants were necessitated to lay out all the Money they had, or could get Credit for, in Building, and other Improvements, in order to Settle on their respective Farms; the Truth whereof is reported by the Trustees, upon the Petition of *Francis Spring*, on behalf of himself, and other the Tenants of Forfeited Lands.

These Tenants gave as much for Lands as other Lands of equal value were Sett for at that time by the respective Proprietors; the Truth whereof is likewise own'd and reported by the said Trustees.

These Tenants, with their Under Protestant Tenants, amount at the modestest Computation to above Ten thousand Families, who must of the Greater Part be utterly Ruined, by their Leases being made void, unless Relieved by this Honourable House. Wherefore,

It is Humbly hoped, That what they so fairly Took, and have by their Industry, and at their proper Charge, raised to what it is now worth, will be confirmed to them during their respective Terms, under their reserved Rents, and other Covenants of their Leases.

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